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From: Monell, Carol[/O=EXCHANGELABS/OU=EXCHANGE ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP (FYDIBOHF23SPDLT)/CN=RECIPIENTS/CN=79068469FD5C4AEEA50F2A2D6444D5E9-MONELL, CAROL]
Sent: Thur 1/6/2022 5:26:02 PM (UTC)
Subject: RE: discuss response to Oak Ridge EMDF press inquiry

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From: Adams, Glenn <Adams.Glenn@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 6, 2022 12:25 PM
To: Monell, Carol <Monell.Carol@epa.gov>
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Subject: RE: discuss response to Oak Ridge EMDF press inquiry

We need to talk internal first.

From: Monell, Carol <Monell.Carol@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 6, 2022 12:23 PM
To: Amoroso, Cathy <Amoroso.Cathy@epa.gov>; Adams, Glenn <Adams.Glenn@epa.gov>; Froede, Carl <Froede.Carl@epa.gov>; Jenkins, Brandi <Jenkins.Brandi@epa.gov>; Chaffins, Randall <Chaffins.Randall@epa.gov>; Pinkney, James <Pinkney.James@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: discuss response to Oak Ridge EMDF press inquiry

Please invite ORC.

-----Original Appointment-----

From: Amoroso, Cathy <Amoroso.Cathy@epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, January 6, 2022 12:15 PM
To: Adams, Glenn; Froede, Carl; Jenkins, Brandi; Monell, Carol; Chaffins, Randall; Pinkney, James
Subject: discuss response to Oak Ridge EMDF press inquiry
When: Thursday, January 6, 2022 12:30 PM-1:00 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).
Where: Microsoft Teams Meeting

We have press inquiry from an Oak Ridge newspaper reporter about the EMDF. One of the questions is specifically about whether EPA is following the Wheeler decision or whether it is still under review. Would like input on how to answer.

Environmental groups have brought up the Radionuclide Pollution Decision under Executive Order 13990. One letter from such groups which The Oak Ridge has recieved,
"EPA repeatedly references the Radionuclide Pollution Decision as the framework that applies to the establishment of radionuclide wastewater limits at the EMDF and does not expressly address whether DOE will be required to comply with technology-based effluent limits (TBELs) or the State of Tennessee’s antidegradation policy. Because EPA directs DOE to provide a revised focused feasibility study and record of decision that address EPA’s comments, it is difficult for Community Groups not to infer that EPA has adopted the Radionuclide Pollution Decision as it stands. This inference is further supported by recent correspondence from DOE which indicates, without reference to any ongoing review by EPA of the Radionuclide Pollution Decision, that DOE will address comments on the wastewater focused feasibility study “30 calendar days following the date the radiological discharge limits are agreed upon by the three parties.” How would you respond to these concerns? How would you explain this executive order in laypeople's terms?

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